

## Virginia Beach Friends Meeting Newsletter Third Month 2015

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

<p><b>3/14 9am-2pm Empower Hampton Roads day long training</b>, 801 Tazewell St. Portsmouth</p> <p><b>3/14 9am-Noon – River Cleanup</b>, contact Whit Peace, whitpeace.vbfm@gmail.com</p> <p><b>3/14 3pm Memorial Service</b>, for Bob Nelson in the Wilson Center</p> <p><b>3/15 9am Young Friends</b>, Curriculum Task Force (in library or basement)</p> <p><b>3/15 12 noon Brown Bag Lunch, discussion</b> on the latest revision of the Discipline.</p> <p><b>3/18 9-Noon Eye Exams</b>, Free via the Lions Club in the Meetinghouse basement</p>	<p><b>3/19-22 Discovery Dinners</b>, Sign up or contact Faye Bailey 399-1696, fbailey8@verizon.net</p> <p><b>3/28 9am - Noon – Meetinghouse work day</b></p> <p><b>3/29 Creeds Meeting</b> – Humdinger Meeting &amp; pot luck</p> <p><b>4/2 thru 4/6 School</b> – Easter Break</p> <p><b>4/9 4-6pm JCOC Homeless shelter meal</b> – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist and for details <a href="mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com">tpaladini@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>4/17 School admissions open house</b></p> <p><b>4/25 Interim Body Meeting</b>, Greenville NC</p> <p><b>4/26 Empower Hampton Roads Annual Banquet</b></p> <p><b>4/27 School Golf Classic</b>, 11am Signature at West Neck</p>
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### MONTHLY

<p><b><u>EACH 1<sup>st</sup> DAY (Sunday)</u></b></p> <p>* <u>10:30 – 11:30 am Meeting for Worship with First Day School-</u> <i>younger children join Meeting during or after Worship</i></p> <p>* <u>12:00-12:30 pm Silent Peace Vigil - in front of the Meetinghouse</u></p> <p><b><u>EACH 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY (Monday)</u></b></p> <p>* <u>11:45 am for 30 minutes Moral Monday - Richmond VA St. Paul's Episcopal Church steps (across the street from the General Assembly/Capitol Park).</u></p> <p><b><u>EACH 4<sup>th</sup> DAY (Wednesday)</u></b></p> <p>* <u>7 pm - Mid-Week Prayer</u></p> <p><b><u>EACH 6<sup>th</sup> DAY (Friday)</u></b></p> <p>* <u>8:50 – 9:30 am Meeting for Worship All are welcome, with special invitation to School &amp; Meeting Community (except when school is not in session)</u></p>	<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> First Days</u></b></p> <p><b>9 am</b> – Buildings &amp; Grounds Meeting</p> <p><b>12 noon</b> - Peace &amp; Social Justice Meeting</p> <p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> First Days</u></b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> - Meeting for Worship with attention to Business <b>(except Seventh Month)</b></p> <p><b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> First Days</u></b></p> <p><b>9 am</b> - First Day School Discussion</p> <p><b><u>4<sup>th</sup> First Days</u></b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> Meeting of Ministry &amp; Oversight</p>
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### SAVE THE DATES

<b>10/29, 11/19</b>	<b>JCOC Homeless shelter meal</b> – Contact Tracey Paladini to assist & for details <a href="mailto:tpaladini@yahoo.com">tpaladini@yahoo.com</a>
<b>4/25</b>	<b>Interim Body Meeting</b> – Greenville NC
<b>4/26</b>	<b>Empower Hampton Roads Annual Banquet</b>
<b>5/2</b>	<b>Eastern Quarterly meeting</b> – New Bern NC
<b>7/15-19</b>	<b>Yearly Meeting</b> , UNC Wilmington NC: <b><u>Note: Date Change From Routine</u></b>
<b>10/24</b>	<b>Interim Body Meeting</b> – Location TBD

**NEW OPTION for VBFM Committees:** If you have any report or material for Meeting members' consideration at Monthly Meeting for Business, please forward to [vbfm.emailer@gmail.com](mailto:vbfm.emailer@gmail.com) no later than 4<sup>th</sup> day (Wednesday) prior to Meeting. In this way, Meeting members can receive all documents to be considered in a timely fashion. (This would be in addition to sending your report to the Clerk and Recording Clerk). Thank you, from our Communication Committee!!

[www.vbfriends.org](http://www.vbfriends.org), & [www.ncymc.org](http://www.ncymc.org), Facebook Group: North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative

**Query #5: Work of the Meeting** was read. *Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?*

**Response:** While those of us attending meeting for business may be small compared to our membership, we are able to accomplish the work of the meeting. The time we spend together is fruitful and under divine guidance. While we may struggle with issues from time to time, we gather in open worship for the best solutions.

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**The Query to consider for next month will be forwarded via email at a later date.**

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## **Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Business with Attention to Business Third Month 8, 2015**

**Opening:** Virginia Beach Friends opened waiting worship with attention to business with twelve members and attenders.

**Head of School Report:** With seven snow days, it has been a short month. The school only needs to make up one day so far because of a slightly longer school year. Founders Day was well attended and fruitful. The athletic program celebrated their talented students. Peace and Social Justice Day speakers were modified because of the snow days but the students provided a great program. There are new science teachers joining the school community now. Teacher Sue Nelson's husband passed away on Second month 12. This coming 7<sup>th</sup> day (3/14) we will celebrate the life of Bob Nelson at 3pm in the Wilson Center. As a birthright Quaker, Sue would like to have a service after the manner of Friends, and the school requests the use of a meetinghouse bench for this purpose. Bob Nelson was well known throughout the community. We approved the use of the bench and encouraged members to support our school and Sue.

**Treasurer's Report:** Year-to-date income was about \$2,400 and included some donations in memory of Marguerite Young. Expenses were slightly less than \$2,400. All letters to last year's donors have been sent.

**Buildings & Grounds:** The can lights (recessed meeting room lights) will be replaced, to be followed by more insulation in the attic and a repair of the wooden ceiling. Indoor work day is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> day 28<sup>th</sup>. The folding chairs are in bad repair and the committee is looking to replace them. Dominion Power is in the process of cutting the trees on the front 20 feet of the property in preparation for the Laskin Road project.

**School Committee:** The Board of Visitors is growing. Their stated mission is:

*The mission of the Virginia Beach Friends School Board of Visitors is to give guidance and advice to the School Committee (Trustees) and Administration in the advancement and development of the School and to take a lead in nurturing new friends and donors for the School, working closely with the School's Director of Advancement.*

The budget was set for the next school year. The meeting to work on the Master plan for the school will begin to meet shortly.

**Ministers, Elders and Overseers:** Discovery Dinners are planned for this month, 19<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This committee will be responsible in our meeting budget for the cost of condolences for members. Descriptions of Membership clearness committees and the Committee Process are pending for next month.

**Peace & Social Justice:** The committee members shared their challenges with practicing kindness as in the Dalai Lama's injunction to: *Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.* A letter was sent in support of Steve Baggerly (Norfolk Catholic Worker) and a trip is being planned to travel to Washington D.C. for his sentencing hearing this summer. The FCNL lobby weekend is the 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> this month. Empower Hampton Roads has a "listening in the Ministry" program this 7<sup>th</sup> day (3/14) from 9am to 1pm for member congregations to learn more about the Social Justice interests of their members. They also announced their annual Banquet

on Fourth Month 26. Pendle Hill has a variety of programs of interest. This information can be found in the written report of this committee (posted and via the email link).

**Communications:** This committee has been focusing on the work Myra had been doing in managing the Meetinghouse schedule. This month's schedule is posted. Whit is working with Teacher Jeff to bring the Internet to the Meetinghouse. Last month was the beginning of the advance reports being sent via email mid-week prior to the business meeting, a work still in process, but working. Work continues on improving the web site.

**Young Friends:** Diane Fenton and Gwynne Wells will continue with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> First Day program. Elizabeth Waitekus will coordinate the remaining First Days and will be contacting volunteers via phone to assist. A task force was created to plan a project based program. No convener has been named yet for this committee.

**Faith and Practice:** A discussion is planned for next First Day at the rise of Meeting to discuss the section "Special Occasions", on marriage and deaths. The draft document will be forwarded via email shortly. If you need a paper copy, contact Dave French.

**Committees:** A question was raised related to the completeness of our committee descriptions. Committees are encouraged to review and update their committee at least annually. They are responsible for forwarding substantive changes to business for approval.

**Death:** We are sad to report the death of Myra Macaulay Smith Brown on Second Month 15. She was married in the meeting in 1961, the same year she joined Meeting. She was active in her quiet and thoughtful way throughout her time with us. A memorial service to celebrate her life will take place at a later time.

**Closing Minute:** The meeting closed in waiting worship planning to meet again next month in accordance with the Divine Will.

Hank Ghittino, Clerk for the day, and Nancy Craft, Recording Clerk for the day.

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### **Yearly Meeting 2015 of NCYM(C)**

**July 15-19, 2015 on the campus of University of North Carolina at Wilmington**

Preliminary outline for worship, fellowship, play, learning and business for all ages - Additional info later!

#### "Living Into Our Gifts"

Wednesday, 7-15: Afternoon registration, greeting one another and moving in, Late afternoon worship, evening Meeting of Ministry and Oversight (for everyone)

Thursday, 7-16: Morning Bible Study with Bruce Arnold, children and youth activities and Meetings for Business, Special Interest groups  
Evening Program on "Discernment of Our Gifts" led by Katherine Damiano

Friday, 7-17: Morning Bible Study with Bruce Arnold, children and youth activities and Meetings for Business, Special Interest groups and Evening Program on "Living Into Our Gifts" with Katherine Damiano

Saturday, 7-18: Morning Bible Study with Bruce Arnold, children and youth activities, short morning Meeting for Business, Meeting for Worship, afternoon Meeting for Business, Evening Inter-generational Event

Sunday, 7-19: Morning Bible Study with Bruce Arnold, pack up, Meeting for Worship and Closing Minute

**Empower Hampton Roads will be hosting their Annual Banquet on April 26<sup>th</sup>.** The featured speaker is Rev. Starkey Wilson, the co-chair of the Ferguson Commission (recently interviewed on the PBS news hour). For more information, check out the Peace and Social Justice Bulletin board. Contact Nancy Craft for tickets to the banquet. More details soon!!

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**From the School:**

Anyone who shops at Harris Teeter, now is the time to link your VIC card to Virginia Beach Friends School. If you have done this in the past, it needs to be re-linked every fall. Click on this link (or cut/paste into your browser): [https://www.harristeeter.com/other/my\\_harris\\_teeter/login\\_page.aspx](https://www.harristeeter.com/other/my_harris_teeter/login_page.aspx) to connect your VIC card to our school. If you have trouble, just go to the Customer Service counter at any HT store.

Target: if you use a Target red card, you can link this to Friends School as well. Just go to the Customer Service counter and this can be quickly set-up. They donate a percentage of your purchases to the school.

Coke caps and Box Tops for Education - these small items also bring in cash to the school. There is a box in the Meetinghouse to collect these items.

*The purpose of this newsletter is to share the Monthly Meeting minutes with members, attenders and others interested in the Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting. The minutes represent the official view of the Meeting. Other articles relating to the Meeting are included on a space available basis and reflect the views of the person submitting the information. The name of the person writing or submitting each article is included to avoid the impression the information represents the opinion of the Meeting.*

**Newsletter Notes: The Deadline for the newsletter is the day of our monthly Business session.**

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